GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the North-Eastern Council (NEC) came into existence;

(b) the powers and functions of the Council;

(c) whether it is recommendatory or mandatory body; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful for the development of the tribals in that region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): NEC came into existence on August 1, 1972.

(b): The powers & functions of the Council are as follows :

(i) to discuss & advise on the matter having common interest of different NE States and Centre.

(ii) to formulate and forward proposals for securing the balanced development of the North Eastern areas.

(iii) to recommend the manner in which schemes beneficial for two or more States may be executed/implemented and managed.

(iv) To review the implementation of the projects and the schemes & recommend measures for effective coordination between the Governments of concerned States in the matter of implementation.

(v) To review progress and recommend Central Government on financial assistance to be given to States for implementation of any project.

(vi) To recommend States concerned or the Central Government for undertaking necessary surveys and investigations related to Projects.

(vii) To review measures taken by States representatives for the maintenance of security of Projects.

(c): NEC is a Statutory Body set up under an Act of Parliament.

(d): NEC is implementing mainly infrastructural schemes i.e. health, transportation, communication, power, education etc., which are of benefit to the Tribals in their areas.